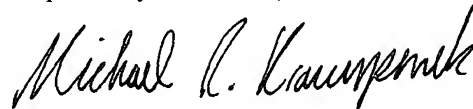


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data. Claims 1-13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 14-33 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and the claims as originally filed. Claims 14-33, therefore, are currently pending. Applicants request that the fees associated with filing this application be calculated accordingly.

It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/GOUD:023USD1.

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